

Holy Trinity Cemetery

Interview occurred on Friday September 5, 2014 and follow-up on September 11, 2014, at Holy Trinity Cemetery Office, 5401 Roberts Ave, Lewiston, NY. Interviewer OSC Mark Bellis P: 716-270-7439.

Interviewed: Exemption 7(C), maintenance worker supervisor P: Exemption 7(C) and Worker Exemption 7(C)
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Notes: 1- frequency = hours/day, days/week, weeks/year
2- the open field to the north of the house refers to the area where the slag is buried

- 1) Who lives in the house at the cemetery and how long has it been occupied by the present occupant(s)?

Current renter (name is Exemption 7(C)) has been residing at the property for the past 8 years and is a former worker at the cemetery (not sure of duties or in what capacity). He is on moving out this month unknown plans for the apartment/house. No observations by Exemption 7(C) that Exemption 7(C) used the field, only the house. There is a part time secretary at the office/house 3 hours 3 times per week. She does not use the field.

- 2) Caretaker: How long of a time period has he been in this position?

13 Months for Exemption 7(C) (supervisor) and 4 months for Exemption 7(C), both perform the same duties.

What is his function at the cemetery and what are the various jobs/tasks?

These two dig graves, place headstones, lawn cutting, trimming (weed wracking brush), tree limb pruning and snow removal. Graves are dug to 5 feet by equipment and hand cleared by shovels for squaring the edges. Headstones are dug to 3 feet by hand, then set with concrete.

Where on the property does he work, with approximate frequency for each area, and which areas are predominantly used?

The entire property and both workers perform same duties 40 hours + per week. They each get one week for vacation, one week sick leave, and have off most major holidays (estimate 7 days)

With what frequency does he use/work in the open field to the north of the house?

This field is only mowed every two weeks and takes about a day to day and half. The drainage ditch on southern side of the field is cleared of vegetation every month or so, including digging with heavy equipment when required to restore drainage. Ice dams are cleared in the winter.

The ditch is weed wacked with a trimmer every two weeks. It takes a few hours. This is only done in spring, summer and fall.

In the fall only once per year, the ditch is cleared with a heavy equipment back-hoe. It takes one person almost all day. The spoils are placed in a pile with the other excess soil from grave operations.

- 3) Are there landscapers or maintenance workers who take care of the property or cut the grass.
Yes, see above

Where do they spend their time and with what frequency?

Every two weeks, one person for 8 to 12 hours.

How often is the grass cut?

About every two weeks

With what frequency do they use/work in the open field to the north of the house?

About every two weeks for 8 to 12 hours to cut grass. Tree limbs are stored in the driveway across from Roberts Ave.

Is there any time of the year where outdoor landscaping or maintenance is not done?

Nov through March no grass cutting, however ditch clearing is sometimes necessary to clear leaves/debris

- 4) How long does a typical worker remain as an employee and what is the longest period served by a current employee?

These two employees are new; others have stayed a long time: Exemption 7(C) (not contacted) p Exemption 7(C) or Exemption 7(C) lived and worked on the property for 14 years 1990-2004. He and his wife and 4 children lived in the house and the children played in the field and a large garden was in the field.

- 5) Are there any children living in the house?

None currently

If so, what areas of the property do they use, with what frequency and what types of activities?

NA

With what frequency do they use the open field to the north of the house?

NA

If so, is there any time of the year where the field is not used by these children?

NA

- 6) Do children or anyone else, other than cemetery workers, currently use (or have used in the past) the open field to the north of the house for recreation or any other activity?

In the past by the Exemption 7(C), no direct info on how often or time spent in the field. Also no neighbor's children use the field. According to Exemption 7(C), who lives in the neighborhood, that mostly adults live in the neighborhood.

However there is reported dog walking, throughout the day; Mostly to relieve themselves in the field/woods area. 15 minutes x several people x several times per day.

If so, for what type of activity, with what frequency and is there any time of the year where the field is not used by these persons?

See above

If so, what is the typical age of the persons/children that use the field (provide range of ages, if possible)?

The Exemption 7(C) two were school age and two were born while living at the property.

- 7) Are there visitors or any other workers that use the property (outside of the portion of the cemetery where people are currently buried)?

Visitors to graves and attending funerals. There are about 5 per week max, stay several hours

If so, what areas of the property do they use, with what frequency and what type of activities?

Area of the cemetery with graves.

With what frequency do they use the open field to the north of the house?

None.

- 8) Are there any activities that disturb the road bed areas (where the slag is buried) within the open field to the north of the house?

Ditch clearing on the southern edge of field. Also excess soil from grave operations is stored in the general area of the eastern end of the ditch.

Have any trees been uprooted in this area? If so, where? What is the procedure for removing the tree and filling the hole?

No tree uprooted noted by these two workers. Tree trimming and placing brush for town pickup occurs adjacent to field on asphalt pad on the northern end of Roberts Ave. This occurs one week in the fall. Residents in neighborhood also use the asphalt pad for brush pick-up.

- 9) Any significant work or construction, such as cemetery expansion, planned for the future? If so, when?

No plans known by the persons interviewed in the immediate future.